



AFC Playing Up Policy

- A player will only be selected to 'play up' with approval from both the Director of Coaching and Head Coach.
- Players will only be considered to 'play up' on an academy level team
- The decision will be driven by the development needs of the individual player and not for team enhancement.
- The only exception being, when there is no appropriate team within their own age-group, or there is a need to combine players of different ages to make up a dual-aged competitive team.
- For U14 and above teams any player 'trying out' for the age group above, must also tryout within their own age group.
- U13 players are strongly encouraged to also try out at U12 within their "home clubs"
- 'Playing up' is a one-year offer and should be reviewed by coaching staff on an annual-basis, which is in line with the development needs and best interests of the individual player.
- The outcome of these discussions will be confirmed with the player's parent(s) and there will be an open dialogue with the parents throughout to ensure the player's needs are being met.